GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA

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Utilisation Certificates
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Punjab hassubmitted the utilization certificates forfunds released under Swachh BharatMission (Gramin);

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not,the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of villages declared opendefecation-free in Punjab; and

(d) the steps being taken to make theState open defecation free?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) - (b) Yes, Madam. Government of Punjab has submitted the Utilisation Certificate for 2015-16 under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin).

(c) Out of 12571 villages in Punjab, 2433 (19.35%) villages declared themselves as Open Defecation Free (ODF) as on 5.12.2016 as per the information uploaded by the State on the online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of SBM(G).

(d) The State of Punjab has taken several steps to provide access to the balance population and make villages open defecation free. The approach of programme is kept as freedom from open defecation and involvement of people, and not supply-driven toilet construction. Motivators have been engaged to create awareness in villages and trigger behavioural change. A number of trainings have been held to build the capacities of implementing machinery from district level to grass root level. Schools and colleges have also been engaged. A strong IT based monitoring system has been put in place.